

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.  
Serial No.: Unknown  
Filing Date: Unknown  
Title: Cardiac Valve Procedure  
Methods And Devices  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown  
Attorney's Docket No.: VIA-3

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

39. A method for enabling performance of an operation on a cardiac valve of a heart while the heart is beating, comprising the steps of:

a) placing at least one temporary valve in a flow path of a blood vessel of said cardiac valve, said